

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Planning and Building	(2) MEETING DATE 12/10/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Suzan Ehdaie, Planner II/781-4974	
(4) SUBJECT Public needs hearing for the proposed annual 2014 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board receive a staff presentation on unmet community development needs and take public testimony.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$0.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$2,200,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { } Consent { } Presentation { X } Hearing (Time Est. <u>45</u>) { } Board Business (Time Est. <u> </u>)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions { } Contracts { } Ordinances { X } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: { } 4/5 Vote Required { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { X } N/A Date: <u> </u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Lisa M. Howe			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Planning and Building / Suzan Ehdaie, Planner II

VIA: Wes Drysdale, Administrative Services Manager

DATE: 12/10/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The 2014 Action Plan

The County is the lead agency administering the CDBG, HOME and ESG grant programs for the Urban County. The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated the County and five participating cities (Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, Morro Bay, Paso Robles and San Luis Obispo) as an "Urban County" eligible to receive formula-based CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants on an annual basis.

The County is preparing its annual 2014 Action Plan which outlines projects and activities to be funded through CDBG, HOME, and ESG grant programs. The 2014 Action Plan is the final action plan of the five year Consolidated Plan (2010-2014). Staff projects a 10% reduction in the 2014 program funds due to federal budget cuts. The County will most likely be informed of the actual 2014 allocations in the next six to eight months.

Per the Community Participation Plan, the County is required to hold a public hearing to obtain public input on housing and community development needs. In addition to today's public hearing, the County and participating cities conducted four public workshops in September and October to gain input on housing and community development needs.

The major themes of public comments from these meetings included the need for affordable housing, transitional housing, emergency shelter, and community services. Participants had general questions about the grant application process. This report summarizes public input received at these workshops. Most attendees at the workshops commented on the need for transitional housing and affordable rental housing for extremely low and very low-income persons.

Local nonprofit groups expressed support for funding public services, particularly homeless services and shelter, public facilities, and economic development projects that benefit low and very low income households. See the attached Exhibit A for more details on the public comments.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County staff consulted with the participating cities and nonprofit agencies to identify needs and potential projects. Staff also provided technical advice to the cities to facilitate their decision on the grant application process.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The CDBG and HOME programs provide funding to cover most of the administrative costs incurred by staff. HUD has not released preliminary funding estimates for the County and participating cities for the 2014 CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs. In 2013, the Urban County received approximately \$1.6 million in CDBG funds. The 2013 funding for the HOME and ESG programs were approximately \$823,357 and \$163,420 respectively. While the federal budget for HUD is not yet adopted, staff expects the total amount of CDBG, HOME and ESG grants available to the County in FY 2014-15 to be approximately \$2,200,000.

RESULTS

The objective of this hearing is to identify community development needs, priorities and goals for next year's grant cycle. Staff will consider all public comments received today and evaluate them in view of criteria established by the Board. Staff will return to your Board with funding recommendations in March 2014. Public input received at today's hearing and the September and October community workshops will help guide staff's funding recommendations. Another important consideration in staff's recommendations will be the priorities established in the Countywide 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A - Public Comments on Housing and Community Needs